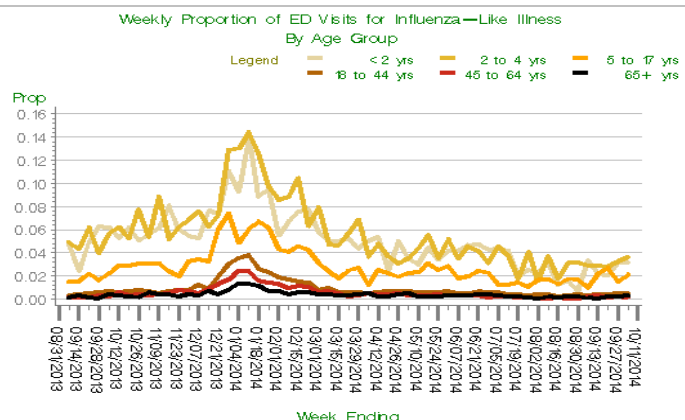
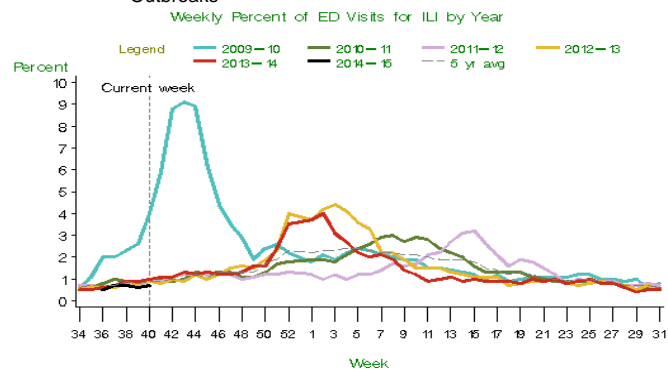


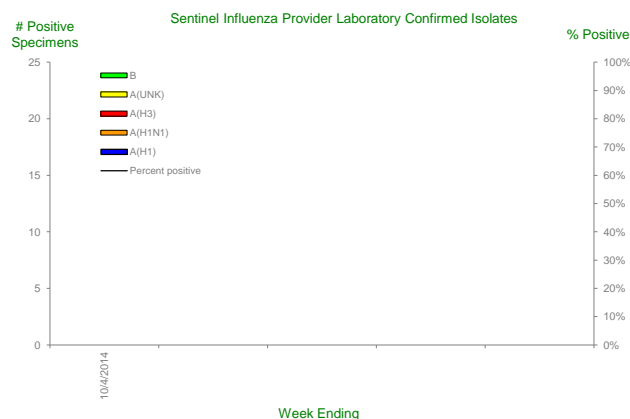
This is the first update for the 2014-2015 influenza season. Influenza is currently being detected at low levels in King County. No influenza-related deaths or facility-based outbreaks have been reported through week ending 10/04/2014. The proportion of emergency department visits attributable to ILI is at baseline levels, and is comparable to levels seen in previous years. The University of Washington Virology laboratory has observed small numbers of influenza A and influenza B isolates, and has seen an increase in rhinovirus activity over the past three weeks.

	Data for this week	Cumulative data this season since September 28, 2013
Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Deaths	0	0
King County Outpatient Sentinel Influenza Providers		
Specimens Submitted	2	2
Proportion Positive for Influenza	0.0%	Season Peak: 00.0%
A (H1)	0	0
A (H3)	0	0
A (Unknown)	0	0
B	0	0
Hospital Laboratory Influenza Rapid Antigen Test Submissions		
Number of Labs Reporting	3	Weekly Average: 3
Number of Specimens Submitted	45	Weekly Average: 45
Proportion of Tests Positive for Influenza	0.0%	Season Peak: 0.0%
Hospital Emergency Department (ED) Visits for Influenza-like Illness (ILI)		
Proportion of Visits Due to ILI	0.7%	Season Peak: 0.7%
Percent of All King County Deaths Due to Pneumonia and Influenza (P & I)	1.1%	--
National Epidemic Threshold	6.0%	# Weeks Threshold Exceeded: 0
Respiratory Disease Outbreaks at Long-Term Care Facilities (LCTFs)	0	0
Laboratory-Confirmed LTCF Influenza Outbreaks	0	0



Note: 5 yr avg excludes the current season and the 2009 H1N1 pandemic period
Last updated Oct 5, 2014 ; 'current week' is week ending Oct 4, 2014

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Resources

Additional Flu Information, Resources and Surveillance:
www.kingcounty.gov/health/flu

UW Virology Laboratory Respiratory Virus Surveillance:
<http://depts.washington.edu/rspvirus/documents/VD2014-15.pdf>

Washington State Influenza Surveillance Update:
www.doh.wa.gov/EHSPHL/Epidemiology/CD/fluupdate.pdf

National Influenza Update:
www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/

Global Influenza Update:
www.who.int/csr/disease/influenza/en/